

CURRENT CLAIMS AND THEIR STATUS:

1. (Currently amended) A method in a computer system for distributing user information for registered users from the computer system to collection kiosks located in publicly accessible locations, the method comprising:

providing user information for registered users, ~~the user information comprising medical information specific to the registered users;~~

receiving updates to the user information;

generating update user information; and

for each of the collection kiosks located in the publicly accessible locations,

~~receiving a request from the collection kiosk for the generated update user information;~~

sending to the ~~requesting~~ collection kiosk the update user information; and

storing the update user information at the ~~requesting~~ collection kiosk ~~for subsequent requests,~~

wherein the collection kiosks use the update user information to verify whether ~~a user is users of the collection kiosks are registered,~~ the collection kiosks having measurement devices for allowing the registered users to measure their own medical information at the collection kiosks.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the collection kiosks operate as FTP clients and the computer system operates as an FTP server.

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3. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the received update user information includes indications of whether to add a registered user, delete a registered user, or change information relating to a registered user.

4. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein a collection kiosk sends a request for the generated update user information once a day.

5. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the user information includes a user identifier and a password.

6. (Currently amended) A method in a collection kiosk for retrieving updated user information, the method comprising:

providing user information for registered users, ~~the user information comprising medical information specific to the registered users;~~

sending a request for updated user information;

in response to sending the request, receiving the updated user information at a collection kiosk located in a publicly accessible location, the collection kiosk having a measurement device for allowing each of the registered users to measure the user's own medical information at the collection kiosk;

updating the provided user information for the registered user in accordance with the received updated user information so that the collection kiosk can verify whether a user of the collection kiosk is registered; and

storing the updated user information at the collection kiosk for subsequent requests.

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7. (Currently amended) An information collection system comprising:

a central computer system for a web site, the central computer system providing a repository for the information, web pages for registering users of the web site, and for accessing the information; and

a plurality of collection kiosks located in publicly accessible locations for collecting information about users, for verifying whether a user is registered at the web site, and for sending the collected information to the central computer system when the user is registered, the collection kiosks having measurement devices for allowing the registered users to measure their own medical information at the collection kiosks.

8. (Original) The information system of claim 7 wherein the information is medical information.

9. (Currently amended) A computer-based method for collecting medical information of users of a web site, the method comprising:

registering the users at the web site when information about a user is collected at one of a plurality of collection kiosks, the collection kiosks located in publicly accessible locations and having measurement devices for allowing the registered users to measure their own medical information at the collection kiosk,

determining whether the user is registered at the website; and

when registered, sending the collected information to a computer system so that the collected information is accessible to the user through the web site.

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10. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1 wherein a collection kiosk automatically sends a request for the generated update user information periodically.

11. (Previously presented) The method of claim 6 wherein said sending a request for updated information is automatic and performed periodically.

12. (Previously presented) The method of claim 6 wherein said sending a request for updated information is automatic and performed daily.

13. (Currently amended) The information collection system of claim 7 wherein:
the information ~~comprising~~ comprises medical information specific to the registered users;

the central computer system further is for receiving updates to the user information from the collection kiosks, generating update user information, and for each of the collection kiosks, receiving a request from the collection kiosk for the generated update user information and sending to the requesting collection kiosk the update user information.

14. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein said storing of the update user information provides the collection kiosk with a current local list of all of the registered users.

15. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the publicly accessible locations comprise at least one of drug stores and pharmacies.

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16. (New) The method of claim 6, wherein said storing of the update user information provides the collection kiosk with a current local list of all of the registered users.

17. (New) The method of claim 6, wherein the publicly accessible locations comprise at least one of drug stores and pharmacies.

18. (New) The method of claim 6, wherein the user information includes a user identifier and password.

19. (New) The information collection system of claim 7, wherein said central computing system provides the collection kiosks with a current local list of all of the registered users.

20. (New) The information collection system of claim 9, wherein the publicly accessible locations comprise at least one of drug stores and pharmacies.